

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.001]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The Menace Newspaper

Abstract: One 1914 issue of the anti-Catholic The Menace newspaper, published in Aurora, MO.

Extent: 1 folder

Physical Description: Paper (newsprint)

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: PDF

Access Restrictions: None (digital version preferred)

Publication Restrictions: None

Preferred Citation: The Menace Issue 158, April 25, 1914; The Menace Newspaper, Record Group 998.001; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Menace was a weekly newspaper published in Aurora, Missouri whose peak circulation reached 1.5 million people nationwide. Its founding editors were Wilbur Franklin Phelps and his stepson Thomas Earl McClure. The paper had a strong anti-Catholic stance. The first issue was released in November 1911 and its last in December 1919 following a fire in the printing building. There were subsequent editions. For further background, see the [Chronicling America](#) link below.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

None

Additional External Resources

All but five issues of The Menace from 1911 to 1919 are available online for free through the Library of Congress' Chronicling America website, courtesy of The State Historical Society of Missouri. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89066178/>

Pearce, Matt. "A Century Ago, a Popular Missouri Newspaper Demonized a Religious Minority: Catholics." Los Angeles Times December 9, 2015. Online. <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-catholic-scare-20151209-story.html>

THE MENACE, 1914

Arrangement: N/a

Scope and Content

This series contains one issue of the four-page The Menace newspaper. This issue contains no Missouri content. The paper has been digitized as a keyword-searchable PDF and placed on Manuscript DVD #1 in Reference.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	OB1	1	<u>The Menace</u> Issue 158	04/25/1914